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UNDER this title we are preparing an elaborate and a most important biographical work. It will be closely connected with, and a worthy addition to, the great ten-volume series of biographies to be known as "Men of Mark in America," which is now well under way. In its pages will be described the lives and the deeds of the leading men of Massachusetts and the powerful influence which this famous commonwealth is exerting upon our country, and upon the world at large.

The Historic Past.

IN its relation to the past the state of Massachusetts holds an enviable position. Its first settlement by white men dates back more than three hundred years, and almost three centuries have gone by since the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, established a permanent settlement, and laid broad and deep foundations for civil and religious liberty in the New World. The intervening years have witnessed an almost marvelous progress along every line of honorable activity. Here in "the day of small things," when the people were few in number and poor in purse, learning found a congenial home, and from the seeds then planted have grown, among many others, the great educational institutions of Harvard, and Williams, and Andover, and Amherst for men; and Mount Holyoke, and Smith, and Wellesley, and Radcliffe for women. Though limited in area, the state has many points of the greatest historical interest. Concord, and Lexington, and Bunker Hill are within her borders. Faneuil Hall, the "Cradle of Liberty;" and the

Old South Church, still stand in her capital city and there are numerous other landmarks the mention of which will stir the blood of every patriot. Massachusetts also has been the storm-center of great theological controversies which will have a powerful influence upon religious thought for all coming time. Here, too, literature, science, art, and philosophy have flourished, and wonderful triumphs of industry and invention have been achieved. Great men have lived within her borders and they have left the powerful impress of their work upon the nation and the world. John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Daniel Webster and Charles Sumner among her statesmen; Longfellow, Lowell, Holmes and Whittier among her authors and poets; Story and Choate among her advocates; Agassiz and Gray among her scientists; Bancroft and Motley among her historians; Everett and Phillips among her orators; and Emerson, the greatest philosopher of his age—these are only a few of the names that might be taken from the long roll of her illustrious dead.

The Living Present.

IT is right and just that every son of Massachusetts should rejoice in what its people have stood for and what they have accomplished in the past. "There were giants in the land in those days." But it is with the present that we now have the most vital concern. The fathers are gone. But the sons remain and upon them has fallen the responsibility and devolved the duty which their predecessors so cheerfully bore and so faithfully performed. Great questions have been settled in the past, but new questions constantly arise; conflict along all lines—moral, intellectual and industrial—still continues. The problems of today are as vital as were those which the fathers solved, and, we may confidently add, there are men who are equally competent to deal with the questions of the hour and to guide in the affairs of this honored commonwealth.

Their Biographies Should Be Published.

THROUGHOUT the state, in every branch of active effort, there are men who, with earnestness and fidelity, are doing the work which devolves upon them. They are accomplishing great things for the good of the communities in which they live, and the state and the nation to which they belong. Their deeds should be recorded, not only in justice to themselves, but for the benefit of their successors. For, though now they are earnest in effort and wise in counsel, and "sit in the seats of the mighty," time is rapidly passing and the day will come when they too will be among those who have lived in the past. When this time arrives their successors should know of their toils and their sacrifices, and should be stimulated by a record of their fidelity.

It is also important as it concerns the welfare of the state at large that a record of the noble deeds that are now being performed, and of the faithful service that is being rendered at the present day, should be made and preserved. The state that takes no decided interest in the achievements of its leading men can have little hope that its glory will endure. And in putting into permanent form, and making accessible to the public, the biographies of those who are now doing efficient work in all the varied lines of moral, intellectual and industrial activity, the publishers of "Men of Mark in Massachusetts" believe that they are rendering a service that will be of incalculable value to "The Old Bay State" and to all who dwell therein.

Cooperation Requested.

IN order to secure full and accurate information, and also to bring into prominence the autobiographical feature which is to be one of the distinguishing characteristics of this work, a list of questions, covering many details, will be sent to each person whose biography it is desired to include in "Men of Mark in Massachusetts." These ques-

tions are designed for general use, without regard to any special profession or calling. Consequently, they cover a far wider range than that of the work or experience of any one man. But as each individual is to answer only those which have a direct application to his own life and work, but little time or effort will be required for writing the replies.

The high character of the work, and its great and permanent importance as a reference and historical cyclopaedia, make it both a privilege and an honor for any person to be represented in its pages. It is hoped that this will be generally recognized and that all who are selected as subjects for the biographies will cheerfully cooperate with us by sending the information for which we ask. What they have done, and what they are doing, is of interest to the community at large, and for the benefit of the public, as well as to give deserved honor to the individuals themselves, it should be made a matter of permanent record.

A Valuable Reference Work.

IN the nature of the case, "Men of Mark in Massachusetts" will be of great value as a reference work. It will tell of the men who are doing things in the state, and of the things which they are doing. It will be a record of the progress of religion, learning, science, art and invention during the past half century and will show both the active life and work of the state as it has been going on, and present it as it stands today. It will be an invaluable addition to the reference literature of the time.

A Wide Field of Information.

USEFUL as "Men of Mark" will be for this purpose, it will be a great deal more than a mere work of reference. It will present, in the best possible form, the kind of information which other cyclopedias of biography contain. The statistical matter which is essential to any and

every good biography will be ample and accurate. And to this material will be added a great amount of information which will have a deep interest and a high educational value which other works have made little or no attempt to supply. Its field will be far more extensive than that of any other work of its class. In addition to a record of public service and a statement of success that has been won, there will be much that pertains to the personal life and character, and that indicates the means by which the subject of the biography has been able to become more distinguished than have the great majority of his fellow citizens.

Helpful as Well as Instructive.

ALL biographies which are presented in a readable form are interesting and useful, but those which appear in "Men of Mark" will be especially attractive and helpful. This, partly because the literary work will be done by able and experienced writers, and partly, and very largely, because much of the matter is practically autobiographical. To a large degree the men who are represented in its pages will tell the story of their own lives. This fact will not only add to the interest, but it will also vastly increase the value of the biographies. Descriptions of the conditions under which the periods of childhood and youth of the subjects of the biographies were passed will be very interesting, while the statement of difficulties which many of them encountered in gaining an education will be of great encouragement to many readers who are now trying to secure an education for themselves. Then, too, the information which is given regarding the books and the various influences which have been most helpful to these men in making their way in life and in reaching their present positions of prominence and usefulness, and the suggestions regarding things to do, and things to avoid by those who wish to succeed, will be of great practical value. To the young especially these facts and recommendations will be

very helpful. They will awaken interest, stimulate ambition, lead to study and investigation, and give encouragement and inspire confidence in the final success of efforts for intellectual development and material advancement. And they will not only point their readers the way to worldly success, but they will also exert a powerful and beneficent influence upon the moral character.

On the Highest Plane.

IN every respect this work will be of the highest character. The state will be carefully canvassed and the names of all persons who seem to be entitled to have their biographies included will be submitted to our Advisory Board, which is composed of a number of eminent men whose wide acquaintance and excellent judgment especially qualify them to act in this capacity. Those whom the Board deem worthy of admission will be represented in its pages. All others will be excluded. Space in this work is not for sale and no amount of money can secure the insertion of a biography of any person whom our Advisory Board declines to recommend. *The merit of the candidate will be the one and the only test* of the admission of his biography.

Many and Excellent Illustrations.

“MEN of Mark in Massachusetts” will contain a large number of portraits of the people whose biographies appear therein. These portraits will be of the finest character and no pains or expense will be spared to have them accurate in every detail. This feature will add greatly to the value of the work. Carlyle, one of the greatest of historians and philosophers, said that he had often “found a portrait superior in real instruction to half a dozen written ‘biographies’ as biographies are written,” and it is certain that much can be learned of a person by an examination of his portrait that cannot be fully expressed in the printed text.

Careful Preparation.

IN every respect "Men of Mark in Massachusetts" will be fully reliable. The utmost care will be taken to insure accuracy in all of its details, and, before the plates are cast, a copy of each sketch will be submitted to the subject thereof for the correction of any possible errors which may have occurred. The work will be under the general supervision and control of John Howard Brown, whose services as editor-in-chief we have secured, and whose long familiarity with men and affairs in the state eminently qualify him for this position. We have also arranged to have prepared for this work an important article by the Honorable John D. Long, showing what Massachusetts has stood for in the past, and indicating the measure of influence which she is exerting upon the nation and the world today.

An Elaborate Work.

"MEN of Mark in Massachusetts" will be published in six large octavo volumes of not less than five hundred pages each. It will be printed from clear, open type, on a fine quality of paper. The press work and binding will be of a high degree of excellence. In addition to the bound volumes, there will be a large and very fine portfolio of the portraits which have been printed with the text. An immense outlay will be involved in the production of this work, but, in order that it may have the widest possible circulation, and be made of the greatest possible benefit to the people of the state, the price will be very moderate.

A State of Which to Be Proud.

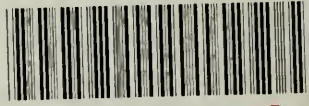
EVERY son of Massachusetts should glory in her mighty achievements in the years that are gone, and in what she is now accomplishing. He may well take pride in her

great religious, educational and charitable institutions, and in her many and widely diversified industries. The thought of her rugged mountains, her beautiful valleys, and the indescribable charm of her Berkshire hills should cause him to rejoice that his lot was cast in such a "goodly land." The men whose biographies will appear in this work represent a state which has a glorious past, a splendid present, and the full assurance of a magnificent future, and it is eminently fitting that their deeds should be placed upon record to encourage and to assist the men who are now coming upon the stage of active life, and to whose care the great affairs of the commonwealth will, in the common and inexorable course of events, ere long be consigned.

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